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**Escaped inmate now in police custody**

The Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) on Saturday captured Kamoeli'i Kolo, a 35-year-old Anahola man who escaped from Kaua'i Community Correctional Center (KCCC) on Wednesday.

Shortly before 11:30 a.m., police received information that Kolo was sighted at the Hanapēpē River crossing in Hanapēpē Valley. When officers responded to the scene, Kolo fled on foot. During the pursuit it was discovered that Kolo was armed with knives in each hand. Officers deployed a Taser to assist in detaining him, and he was taken into custody without further incident.

Kolo was brought to Wilcox Hospital for medical clearance before he was booked at the Līhu'e Police Cellblock where he remains until he is transferred back to the custody of the state Department of Public Safety (DPS).

KCCC notified police on Wednesday that Kolo and another inmate, 36-year-old Joshua Preston of Līhu'e, had escaped from the facility. KPD captured Preston at Wailua Golf Course, after a roughly four-hour search that day. He was arrested for Escape, and was transferred on Thursday back to the custody of DPS.

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